

PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

DATE: July 21, 2004

LOCATION: Probation offices on 2525 N. Shadeland Ave.

CALLED TO ORDER: 5:02 p.m.

ADJOURNED: 6:45 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Attending Members

Mary Moriarty Adams, Chairwoman
Sherron Franklin
Lynn McWhirter
William Oliver
Lincoln Plowman
Steve Talley
Scott Schneider

Absent Members

AGENDA

PROPOSAL NO. 396, 2004 - appoints David Hurley to the Animal Care and Control Board
"Do Pass" Vote: 6-0

PROPOSAL NO. 384, 2004 - approves an increase of \$140,000 in the 2004 Budget of the Department of Public Safety, Fire Division (Non-Lapsing Federal Grants Fund) to purchase gas masks, clothing, hazardous materials detection and identification equipment, and other supplies for a decontamination response vehicle, financed by a grant from the Federal Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
"Do Pass" Vote: 7-0

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Vote: 7-0

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Vote: 7-0

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Vote: 7-0

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Vote: 7-0

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“Do Pass”

Vote: 7-0

COMMUNITY COURT PRESENTATION - Anna Christ-Garcia, Commissioner
- Tina Thien, Coordinator

TOUR OF PROBATION OFFICES - Robert Bingham

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The Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee of the City-County Council met on Wednesday, July 21, 2004, at the Probation offices on 2525 N. Shadeland Avenue. Chairwoman Mary Moriarty Adams called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m., with the following members present: Sherron Franklin, Lynn McWhirter, William Oliver, Lincoln Plowman, Steve Talley, and Scott Schneider.

Chairwoman Moriarty Adams thanked Robert Bingham for allowing the City County Council to hold the meeting at the Probation offices. .

PROPOSAL NO. 396, 2004 - appoints David Hurley to the Animal Care and Control Board

[Clerk's Note: Councillor Schneider arrived at 5:07 p.m.]

David Hurley, Bureau Chief, Bureau of Environmental Health, Health and Hospital Corporation, stated at this bureau there is Housing, Environmental Control, Hazardous Material and Occupational Health. The bureau has about 250 employees, with a budget of approximately \$11,000,000. The bureau works closely with people on the Council, and City administration, focusing on safety. It also has been instrumental in system set up of the Weed Lean programs where by the bureau is able to clean properties so that taxpayers do not foot the bill. Mr. Hurley also said the animal care part deals with issues where animals are wandering the neighborhood, or animals are found dead on properties. They also have people in the food and safety division that handle issues regarding animal bites. Mr. Hurley advised that prior to coming on board with the Health Department he practiced law for many years in Indianapolis.

Chairwoman Moriarty Adams advised that she has known Mr. Hurley for several years and went on to say she is delighted that he has an interest in working with the Animal Control Board. She stated she was very involved with the start of this program several years ago.

Councillor Talley moved, seconded by Councillor Oliver, to send Proposal No. 396, 2004 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

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Captain Phil Reuter, Fire Department Hazardous Material Division, explained this proposal is a request for a fiscal ordinance with new appropriations to support the regional hazardous material response team. Indianapolis' response team had been designated as the regional response team for the public for homeland security and should be responding for six counties in the immediate Indianapolis/Marion county area. The \$140,000 will be used to purchase equipment, responder clothing, and decontamination clothing. The funds will also be used for equipment upgrades to rapidly identify liquids and powders within 10 seconds, and biological agents within 10 minutes.

There is also radiation equipment that will greatly enhance the ability to respond to any kind of radiological incident within the six-county area. Captain Reuter stated that a portion of this grant money will be used to upgrade the current decontamination vehicle to make it easier to use and more efficient. The grant is funded entirely by the Department of Homeland Security involving money from 2001, 2002, and 2003. The response team is required to follow guidelines provided by the Department of Homeland Security, and approval of this ordinance will allow us to enhance the hazardous material management and planning, mitigation, equipment, and response activity.

Chairwoman Moriarty Adams asked how many gas masks are needed. Captain Reuter answered there are 46 members on the team that work on 3 shifts, so the budget was for 50 masks.

Councillor Schneider asked if this will be used specifically for Homeland Security or if this will be a crossover to be used for HazMat (Hazardous Material Unit). Captain Reuter said that Homeland Security, HazMat, and WMD (Waste Material Division) all follow each other.

Councillor Schneider asked if there would be any stipulation on the use of the equipment if there were a tanker truck accident or a traffic accident where there was no threat of terrorism. Todd Tandy, Chief Financial Officer, answered that this grant was given to the Indianapolis Fire Department; therefore, it can be for regular use.

Councillor Talley asked that if this equipment is owned by the IFD (Indianapolis Fire Department), and if the City of Lawrence had a call out, would the IFD respond to the call. Captain Reuter answered in the affirmative. If the City of Lawrence had a hazardous material problem of any kind, the Fire Department Hazardous Material Division will respond. Captain Reuter also stated that this Division has been as far as Shelbyville, Plainfield, and Danville.

Chairwoman Moriarty Adams asked if the support would be for the regional area but the equipment would remain with the IFD. Captain Reuter answered in the affirmative.

Councillor Talley moved, seconded by Councillor Oliver, to send Proposal No. 384, 2004 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 385, 2004 - approves an increase of \$280,000 in the 2004 Budget of the Department of Public Safety, Emergency Management and Planning Division, (Non-Lapsing Federal Grants Fund) to update planning procedures, maintain supplies, pharmaceuticals, equipment and to provide training exercises and activities for the Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) financed by grants from the Federal Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

Chuck Butler, Interim Deputy Director for the Marion County Emergency Management Division, stated they are asking for approval for this ordinance that would allow the FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) and other agencies, to enhance the ability to respond

to terrorist incidents. The agencies that will benefit from this ordinance will be Marion County Health Department, Park Rangers and the Emergency Management Division. The breakdown consists of the Marion County Health Department and the gas masks are currently in need of cartridge replacements and adapters to make the cartridges fit the current masks. Also, for emergency management they currently have a vehicle that does not have any markings that would identify it as an emergency management vehicle, so some of the funding would be used to place the city markings on this vehicle. The MMRS program will allow the purchase of vehicles, and there is currently a request for a HazMat response vehicle for Emergency Management. There is also the Andros Multi-hazard robot that responds to bio-hazardous runs, bomb runs, and police department SWAT calls to assist those units where needed. The funds would be used to purchase new equipment (that was not available when the robot was created), and upgrades for the attachments, which will allow a faster response. The robot also has a camera on it, but the current cameras will not allow 360 degree turns. With the upgrade there will be no restrictions for turning the camera. There is also an upgrade to the communication radios to a digital hand held radio, which will allow them to communicate with more agencies as needed. Finally, the Helicopter down look for the IPD helicopter antenna is mounted to the top of the City County Building. There is funding in this grant for \$61,000.00 that will wire it directly into the Emergency Operation center on 42nd S. State St.

Councillor Talley questioned the difference in price for purchasing a new robot as opposed to paying for the upgrades to the old robot. Mr. Butler answered it is more cost efficient to do the upgrades. Councillor Talley then asked what the life cycle of the robot is. Mr. Butler stated all the robots that he knows of are still in operation, not including the robots that might have dropped a bomb.

Councillor Talley stated that if a new robot was purchased there may be a greater savings due to the warranty agreement, and this may be something to consider. Mr. Butler added that the Department has been happy with the robot, and that in their long-range plans, they are considering a duplicate robot in case the original one goes down for service and would leave the county and the state without this piece of equipment.

Councillor Schneider asked if there are any stipulations for the use of the robot between departments. Mr. Butler answered that there are no stipulations.

Councillor Schneider asked what the capital outlay figure is. Mr. Butler stated \$31,000 for Digital hand held radios for the Park Rangers; \$1,000 for the communication devices for Emergency Management; \$29,000 for the Hazmat Emergency Response vehicle; \$3000 for the warning lights for the vehicle; \$61,900 for the Air Purifier respirator for the Health Department; \$6400 for Robot upgrades; \$7600 for pampered carriages for the Health Department; \$6300 for the adapters for the carriages; and \$2700 for the vehicle graphics.

Councillor Schneider questioned the ten million dollars and asked how close we are to reaching the goal that is trying to be reached. Mr. Butler said that we have a long way to go. A huge

issue is the **interim operability** with radio communications. As an example, when he was at a seminar in Washington, the estimate for radio communication upgrades for Indianapolis was \$30 million. Todd Tandy stated this Proposal is for \$280,000.00 in new appropriations, and this will not impact the consolidated county general fund.

Councillor Oliver moved, seconded by Councillor Talley, to send Proposal No. 385, 2004 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

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Chairwoman Moriarty Adams asked for consent to hear Proposal Nos. 386-389 together. Unanimous consent was given.

Sue Patterson, Director of Finance for Marion County Superior Court, explained Proposals 386 and 387 and then introduced Cindy Booth, the Executive Director of Child Advocates. Ms. Booth said that the grant for \$25,000 is a very important grant. This grant partially funds a position for a person to recruit, train, and manage volunteers from the community who go out and visit children in foster care.

Chairwoman Moriarty Adams asked about the other part of the funding for these Volunteers. Ms. Booth stated there is private funding from other organizations, also.

Councillor Schneider asked if this is the first request for this grant. Ms. Booth replied that this is the second request for this grant. Councillor Schneider asked how the system worked. Ms. Booth said that this program allows a social worker to send volunteers out on work assignments to see children in foster care.

Councillor Talley questioned if there was a local match on either of the two proposals. Dan Jones, Deputy Auditor, answered there is no local match; these proposals are all appropriated by the grant.

Chairwoman Moriarty Adams asked if the full \$25,000 is going to partially fund the position. Sue Patterson responded that this grant is a pass through grant, which means we pass the funds to the receiving agency. Chairwoman Moriarty Adams asked if there is a contract involved. Ms. Patterson answered that there is always a grant agreement that specifies what their responsibilities are, since they have a responsibility to insure the granting agency that funds have been appropriately spent.

Sue Patterson explained that this grant is 6 or 7 years old, and it is for fathers who have found out they are fathers through paternity court. This grant helps integrate the fathers in the children's lives and work through any issues there may be outside of the court setting.

Councillor Oliver asked if the courts direct the mother and father to work together for the benefit of the child. Ms. Patterson answered that there is some direction given but there is only so much the court can do regarding this. The court always has the issue of trying to get the parents to work together for the benefit of the child. She explained this program is voluntary and not forced by the courts.

Sue Patterson presented Proposal Number 389 stating that it is to fund a half time bailiff in paternity court because of the extreme amount of paper work that is needed. The part time bailiff will assist for the remainder of the year. The bailiff would not have health care, because he/she would be less than half time.

Councillor Tally asked if there would be an increase in the FTE (Full Time Employees). Ms. Patterson stated she's not sure if there is a process that is written for an increase in the FTE's. Councillor McWhirter stated there is a process available. Ms. Patterson said she would check tomorrow with the council office.

Councillor Franklin asked if Judge Sosin is the same judge that said his bailiffs were underpaid. Ms Patterson answered in the affirmative.

Chairwoman Moriarty Adams asked if there is a local match on either Proposal 388 or 389. Ms. Patterson stated there is a match on proposal 388 in the amount of 14,897. This is the only one that has a match, and it is already appropriated.

Councillor Talley said that once the language is found regarding the FTE for Proposal 389; make sure the attorneys do an amendment. Ms. Patterson stated she would take care of that.

Councillor Oliver moved, seconded by Councillor Talley, to send Proposal No. 386-389, 2004 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

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Dustin Schreiber, Chief Financial Officer of Marion County Justice Agency (MCJA), explained this grant is used to fund the salaries and fringes for 7 employees, including 2 out of county employees, who are a part of the Metro Drug Task Force. There is a local match of \$148,367 that will come from IPD, the MCSD, and the State Law Enforcement Fund.

Lieutenant Don Christ, Indianapolis Police Department, stated this grant has been around since 1988. The main purpose of the Metro Drug Task Force is to target serious and repeat drug offenders. There are officers from Hamilton County and Hancock County on this Task Force. This Task Force works closely with other task forces throughout Indiana. Another purpose is to identify source cities and pass information that we receive on to these cities to try and target the suppliers of these narcotics.

Chairwoman Moriarty Adams questioned the other services and charges in the amount of \$168,915. Mr. Schreiber said it pays for the out of county employees, who are considered contract employees.

Councillor Schneider asked what other counties are paying salaries for their people that are involved in this task force. Lt. Christ said the outside agencies pay the salaries for the two out of county employees. Councillor Schneider questioned if any of the local match funds were going toward the salaries of the two out of county employees. Lt. Christ answered in the affirmative. Councillor Schneider asked how the bookkeeping is done when this occurs. Lt. Christ stated Hamilton and Hancock counties submit an invoice to the Task Force and the reimbursement comes from the grant funds. As far as the local match bookkeeping, requests for payroll reports from the individual department of what they paid the officers are considered the match funds for this grant. Councillor Schneider asked if there was any reimbursement from IPD. Lt. Christ advised that IPD contributes most of the match, because they have the most officers that are on this task force.

Lt. Christ stated that Proposal 391 has a match of \$18,530. Half of the match will come from the MCJA county general fund, and the other half will come from the MCJA's share of the State Law Enforcement Fund.

Jason Hutchens, Indianapolis Violence Reduction Partnership Coordinator, stated the Indianapolis Violence Reduction Partnership (IVRP) began in 1988 when Indianapolis and

Marion County had a crisis level of homicides. The MCJA funded IVRP with a grant called Strategic Approaches to Community Safety Initiatives (SACS). SACS contributed to 5 cities throughout the country, and Indianapolis was chosen because of the level of homicides. IVRP lost this grant in 2000 and now the program is funded by a grant from Indiana Criminal Justice Institute. This program involves all the local, state and federal law enforcement agencies in Marion County. Mr. Hutchens stated that IVRP is going very strong and invites anyone to come and sit in on a meeting that is held every other Tuesday at 8:00 a.m. at 2525 N. Shadeland Avenue.

Councillor Talley moved, seconded by Councillor Oliver, to send Proposal Nos. 390 & 391, 2004 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 392, 2004 - approves an increase of \$36,549 in the 2004 Budget of the Marion County Public Defender Agency (State and Federal Grants Fund) to appropriate funds for Juvenile Disposition Project, funded by a grant from the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute

Judy Spray, Director of Alternative Sentencing for the Marion County Public Defender Agency, stated this year the agency received a grant award on June 18, 2004 from the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI) for the **Application Juvenile Disposition Project**. The grant will run from July 1, 2004 until June 1, 2005. This is the first year for this grant. The federal funding through ICJI covers 75% of the total request, and this grant requires a 25% local match. Through this project the agency hopes to reduce the number of juveniles who are sentenced to the Department of Corrections who would be better served by an alternative case disposition. From July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003 the Juvenile division of Marion County committed 613 juveniles to the state Department of Corrections. There are several appeals cases that represent an example of what this program would do. One of the cases affirmed that the goal of the juvenile system is to rehabilitate and not simply to punish. Currently the Marion County Public Defender Agency has one fulltime Juvenile Coordinator on site at Juvenile Court to assist public defenders with case disposition planning. This new grant will fund a part time Assistant Coordinator position, as well as provide funding to hire contractual sentencing consultants and pay for professional evaluations and assessments outside of the agency. The funding pays for the part time Assistant Coordinator (\$18,849), the Contractual Sentencing Consultants and the professional evaluations (\$16,000), one computer with software (\$1200), and operating expenses (\$500) totaling \$36,549. The 25% match is composed of a portion of the FTE's salary from funds that are already dedicated by a grant from Drug Free Marion County.

Councillor Schneider asked if it was legal to use another grant for a local match. Dan Jones explained the Drug Free Marion County is a fund generated locally from fines and fees that are ordered through the court system and collected by the county. This is a separate appropriation process, and for this fund, it is perfectly appropriate to use these funds for the match. Councillor Schneider then asked how this program is better than the way things are now with the juvenile system. Judy Spray answered that the difference is this program offers an array of dispositions, which will include placement within facilities, treatment programs, getting good diagnosis of what is really wrong with the defendant and then try and tailor some sort of a program directly to that child's specific needs. This program will only accept 75 kids, and that will allow more detailed processing in dealing with the child.

Councillor Oliver asked how this program helps out with at risk parents that are possibly the problem with the juvenile. Judy Spray answered that part of this grant will allow contact with the family members and make assessments and referrals for client families to social services.

Councillor Talley moved, seconded by Councillor, Oliver to send Proposal No. 392, 2004 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

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Major Ron Chappell of the MCSD stated this is a new grant that is for a pilot program for the Perry Township schools.

Marianne Greve, MCSD, said this is the basic health program in which we are looking for after school events for kids. This grant request is for equipment, arts and crafts material, funding for people to run the program, and a computer system to track information, as well as to provide flyers and things of that nature. The grant was originally for \$40,000 and the awarded amount was \$25,455, so the people that will run the program are asking for donations of arts and craft materials from the surrounding area.

Councillor Talley asked what the time span is for this program. Ms. Greve responded that the grant is from April 1, 2004 to March 31, 2005.

Councillor Schneider asked if this grant was a Police Athletic League (PAL) program. Ms. Greve answered in the affirmative.

Major Chappel stated that Proposal 395 is a request to transfer \$95,000 for supplies (Char 2) and \$106,000 in other services and charges (Char 3) to equipment (Char 4).

Captain Mark Wood, MCSD, stated that this grant is a GIS crime analysis grant for the purpose of building some very sophisticated mapping crime analysis tools that will be able to be transferred to desktops, or computers in cars, to help better secure the community. This grant was written based on the technology at that time, and since then the technology has changed, which caused the department to reallocate the funds. That is the reason for the request to shift characters.

Councillor Schneider questioned if there was a change in the amount of money. Major Chappel answered in the negative. Councillor Schnieder asked when the grant was requested. Major Chappel stated that the grant was requested March 17, 2003, and due to some problems with the programming, the department requested an extension for the grant.

Councillor Talley moved, seconded by Councillor, Oliver to send Proposal Nos. 393 and 395, 2004 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

COMMUNITY COURT PRESENTATION - Annie Christ-Garcia, Commissioner

Annie Christ-Garcia, a Commissioner for the Marion County Superior Court, stated she works for the Environmental Court judge as the Commissioner. She said at Environmental Community Court which is located at 1525 Shelby, they hear a wide array of cases, and depending on the day and the time of day, it is a different plaintiff and it is either a civil or criminal case. On Monday morning the court has cases brought by the city of Indianapolis on dog attacks, and animals at large. On Monday afternoon she hears the criminal cases, and Judge Keele presides over the cases brought by the Department of Metropolitan Development Commission. Every other week, Monday through Friday, in the afternoon she presides over the criminal cases. Tuesday, Thursday, and Fridays they hear civil cases brought by the Health Department for junk trash and junk cars. On Wednesday morning they hear the vicious dog attack cases, and the lead paint cases are heard on Friday afternoon. Commissioner Christ-Garica stated the Community Justice Center houses Community Court, Environmental Court, State Parole, Health and Hospital, and the Marion County Prosecutor's Office Conflict Resolution Services Program.

Commissioner Christ-Garica stated that when a case comes to Community court, it is the type of crime has been committed in an IPD south or east district and that the community complains about. Examples are prostitution, low-level drug offenses, bar fights, disorderly conduct and things of that nature. This Court is designed to focus attention on these low-level quality crimes. The defendant has a right to not use this court system, and if that is the choice, then the case will be sent for traditional treatment. However, if the choice is to stay in the Community Court, there is an agreement, which is community service, onsite treatment readiness classes that are both in English and Spanish, or a job training program with referrals through Keys to Work. Keys to Work is a program that trains and provides job placement for an individual. Commissioner Christ-Garcia stated that only 75 people a year are sent to Keys to Work for help, so the courts carefully select candidates that have a strong desire to work.

Councillor Talley asked who represents the individual that is in court. Commissioner Christ Garcia stated that if their own attorney does not represent them, then she would use the federal poverty guidelines as the starting point to get them a representative.

CONCLUSION

With no further business pending, and upon motion duly made, the Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee of the City-County Council was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Moriarty Adams, Chairwoman
Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee

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